IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Bobby Hope,)
Plaintiff,)) C.A. No. 9:18-3099-RMC
VS.)
Andrew M. Saul, Commissioner of Social Security,)))
Defendant.) ORDER

This matter comes before the Court for judicial review of the final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying Plaintiff's application for Disability Insurance Benefits ("DIB"). In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Rule 73.02 (D.S.C.), this matter was referred to the United States Magistrate Judge for pretrial handling. The Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation ("R & R") on January 7, 2020 recommending that the decision of the Commissioner be reversed and remanded because the Administrative Law Judge failed to give proper consideration to the opinions of the treating physician, Dr. Aydrian Thomas, as required under the Treating Physician Rule, 20 C.F.R. § 404.1527. (Dkt. No. 16). The Commissioner has filed a response indicating that he does not intend to file an objection to the to the R & R. (Dkt. No. 18).

The Court has reviewed the R & R and the record evidence and finds that the Magistrate

Judge has ably addressed the factual and legal issues in this matter. Therefore, the Court

ADOPTS the R & R as the Order of this Court, REVERSES the decision of the Commissioner

pursuant to Sentence Four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), and **REMANDS** the matter to the agency for further proceedings consistent with this Order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Richard Mark Gergel

United States District Judge

January 27, 2020 Charleston, South Carolina